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Re: Application of Eiji AKIYAMA, Takashi MANAKO, Hidekazu KIMURA,
Tsutomu YOSHITAKE, Yoshimi KUBO
FUEL CELL SYSTEM, METHOD OF OPERATING FUEL CELL, AND GAS
TREATMENT APPARATUS
Assignee: NEC CORPORATION
Our Ref: Q92407

Dear Sir:

The following documents are submitted herewith in connection with the above application for the purpose of entering the National stage under 35 U.S.C. §371 and in accordance with the Patent Cooperation Treaty:

- ☒ an English translation of the International Application.
- ☒ 7 sheets of drawings.
- ☒ a copy of Notification Concerning Submission or Transmittal of Priority Document (Form PCT/IB/304).
- ☒ a copy of the ISR.
- ☒ an Information Disclosure Statement with a PTO/SB/08 A & B (modified) listing the IDS references.
- ☒ a copy of each reference cited in the IDS.

A copy of the Declaration and Power of Attorney, and a copy of the Assignment will be submitted at a later date.

In addition to the documents submitted herewith, it is assumed that copies of the International Application, the International Search Report and cited references, the International Preliminary Examination Report, and any Articles 19 and 34 amendments as required by §371(c) will be supplied directly by the International Bureau, but if further copies are needed, the undersigned will undertake to provide them upon request.

It is expressly requested that the national stage of processing be commenced immediately in accordance with 35 U.S.C. § 371(f).



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Priority is claimed from:

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